

Miami, Jan 24/80

Dear Walker and Karen:

It was nice of you to ask me over for a visit and I enjoyed it, although I don't think I've ever seen it rain so hard as when we were taking Heather back to Orlando. The Melbourne area is nice, but the rent problem is as bad as here in Miami (and I'm still looking).

Thank you Karen for washing my clothes and getting soup for me at the store. I hope you've found a good job.

I'm staying at a fleabag hotel in Little Havana, and they've already tried to steal the top off my car. Kabrones!

Take care, you hear?
Edward

Brooksville, Nov. 16/81

Dear Walker and Karen:

I hope you
went in Brooksville this week -
and and I missed you. I went
to Orlando Sat. and returned yesterday.
I called ^{you} both days from Orlando and
got no answer. You must be going out
a lot and I don't blame you, if you
have fun things to do and places to
go. All you can do here is work, and
I am doing plenty of that, and getting
paid overtime, of course. But it does
get lonely. I go to Al's & Lynn after work
to keep from getting too soft and out
of shape, and then to my hotel room
to read and/or listen to classical music
from Gainesville and Tampa - the U. of
F. stations. I'm reading "Entropy" by Jeremy
Ripkin, a good book about energy as a
determinant of history.

This week I'm calling
Karen's folks. I feel bad about not having
done it sooner, but I really was quite
undecided about staying with this com-
pany, it's so disorganized and they are push-
ing a lot of work on me. As Smith records are
terribly unreliable or nonexistent, and professional
standards too low, even for me (ha ha). But
they pay well, so I'll stick it out as long as I
can.

Now you tell me your troubles.

What's up?

My office phone is 904/796-9423



Oxlando, feb. 13/82

Dear Walker:

I tried to call you about noon but no answer. I'm going back to Brooksthrill this evening because we're going manateeing again Sunday.

~~My sister~~ Sursana gave me your message about the job in the Cape when she called me Wed. - thanks a lot.

The job interview with Greiner Engineering went like a police interrogation: four big shots sat around me asking questions and watching every move and twitch I made. I thought about releasing a silent round of poison gas and watching them squirm.

If you still have the means, could you print me a few (2-4) of these insurance cards leaving out the name, etc. so I can type mine in - on card stock if possible? I've been using the one we made a while back, but it's shot. With the money saved we'll have some beers. I should register sometime this month.

The Tafelskis liked you and asked about you. Say hello to Karen and call me when you can. Take care Dad.

BROOKSVILLE 4 20 82

YES, WALKER, I BOUGHT THE HORSE; HER NAME IS SUNSHINE AND SHE IS SLIM & TRIM & FAST, AND I'M CLAIMING HER AS A DEPENDENT FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES. I WAS DELIGHTFULLY SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT SHE HAS A LOT OF TENNESSEE WALKER IN HER, AND I AM ENCOURAGING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THAT GAIT, WHICH IS KNOWN AS PASO FINO (FINE STEP OR GAIT) IN COLOMBIA. SO NEXT TIME YOU COME OVER WE'LL GO RIDING.

I WISH OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND GET-TOGETHERS WERE LESS SPORADIC; FOR INSTANCE, DID HEATHER COME DOWN FOR EASTER, AND WERE YOU IN ORLANDO? I FOUND OUT THAT DEVOE ONLY FLIES MON-FRI, SO THAT SHOT THAT IDEA. WHAT WE NEED IS EITHER A PLANE OR BETTER & FASTER CARS THAN WE HAVE.

HERE'S AN UNKIND BUT DISTURBING THOUGHT: BKV IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR THE STUDY AND OBSERVATION OF THE SURVIVAL OF THE UNFITTEST. PEOPLE HERE ARE HAVING A HEBEPHRENIC BALL, AND THEY NEVER HEARD OF, MUCH LESS CARED ABOUT, BUDDHA, SOCRATES, JESUS, FRANCIS OF ASSISI, LEONARDO, MICHELANGELO, GOETHE, BACH, BEETHOVEN, MOZART, GHANDI, DARWIN, SHAKES

PEARE, TOLSTOI, DOSTOIEVSKY, NIETZSCHE,
BOLIVAR, THOREAU, SCHWEITZER
SOCRATES SAID THAT THE UNEXAMINED
LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING. AND YET
IT IS TRUE THAT SUCCESSFUL REPRODUCT-
TION, I.E. "MERE" SURVIVAL, IS THE ONLY
AIM OF NATURAL SELECTION. BUT SUR-
VIVAL DOES NOT NECESSARILY PREPARE
OR EVEN SUGGEST THE WAY TO THE GOOD,
THE NOBLE LIFE AS EXEMPLIFIED BY
PEOPLE LIKE THE ABOVE. ANTS AND
ROACHES HAVE SURVIVED IN DROVES AND
LEGIONS FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS, AND
IN A CONTROVERSIAL STUDY OF A LARGE
COMMUNITY OF NORWEGIAN RATS UNTIL
ITS FINAL AND TOTAL EXTINCTION, THE
MOST BEAUTIFUL, INTELLIGENT AND
WELL-DEVELOPED SPECIMENS WITH-
DREW FROM THE "RAT RACE" AND
VANISHED. SO, WHO DO YOU THINK WILL
INHERIT THE EARTH?

I MAY SMILE (NOT LAUGH) QUIETLY
TO MYSELF AS I WATCH THE WORLD
RUSH BY, BUT MINE IS A SAD AND
MELANCHOLY SMILE. AND NOW I HAVE
NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT GO OUT AND
GET DRUNK WITH THE SURVIVORS AND
MAYBE EVEN LAUGH OUT LOUD WITH
THEM AND FORGET THESE DISMAL RE-
FLECTIONS.

MY NEXT LETTER SHALL BE CHEERFUL.



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